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Flu Shots Available for Eligible Veterans During Veterans Information Fair October 16

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. – Flu shots will be available for eligible Veterans who are already enrolled in the Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system and have a Veterans Affairs identification card at the information fair Oct. 16 at Fort Ashby, W.Va.

The event begins at 2 p.m. at the Fort Ashby Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6667 and will include a mobile medical unit for onsite enrollment. Veterans wishing to enroll in the VA health care system should bring a copy of their DD 214 (Release or Discharge from Active Duty) form with them. Veterans enrolling in the VA health care system on Saturday will not be eligible to receive flu shots.

Agencies and programs participating will include the Martinsburg VA Medical Center, the Culpeper National Cemetery, the Social Security Administration, WorkForce West Virginia (Veterans employment), Able Forces (disabled Veterans employment), OEF/OIF Integrated Care Program, Martinsburg Veterans Center, the Huntington Regional Office, Women Veterans Clinic, prosthetic services, long-term care program, and the home-based primary care program. The Martinsburg "Clown Brigade" will also be on hand to entertain children and other family members.

The VFW Post 6667 is located on Cottage Road off Route 28 (West Washington Street) in Fort Ashby, W.Va. For more information contact VFW Post 6667 at 304-298-3666.

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The Martinsburg VA Medical Center mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. Located in West Virginia, the Medical Center offers a comprehensive range of services, including internal medicine, ambulatory surgery, audiology and speech pathology, dental, nursing home, nutrition, podiatry, prosthetics, women's health, mental health, and rehabilitation medicine. With a service area of nearly 130,000 veterans in West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, the Medical Center operates three VA-staffed Outpatient Clinics in Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md., and Stephens City, Va., and three contract clinics in Franklin and Petersburg, W.Va. and Harrisonburg, Va. Construction for a new clinic in Fort Detrick, Md. has started with an opening tentatively scheduled in February 2011.